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1. [redacted] source ascertained that the following coal stocks were available at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad stations on the days mentioned:

Date 1951	Hard Coal		Briquettes	
	Marshaling Yard	Passenger Station	Marshaling Yard	Passenger Station
18 July	1,684 tons	1,328 tons	575 tons	892 tons
21 July	1,734 tons	1,329 tons	980 tons	837 tons
25 July	2,018 tons	1,634 tons	916 tons	947 tons
28 July	2,434 tons	1,872 tons	882 tons	968 tons

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2. [redacted] effective immediately, only locomotives of Soviet interest* trains, interzonal **trains** and mail trains may use hard coal. All the other freight trains, passenger trains, including express and fast trains, in addition to column locomotives from Frankfurt/Oder operating within the zone will be issued only brown coal briquettes. This measure was motivated by the intention of collecting a large reserve of hard coal. **Only small quantities of Upper Silesian hard coal arrived in the Russian Zone of Germany.**

3. Source ascertained that the following stocks of coal for operational use were available in the area of the Chemnitz railroad office on 26 June 1951:

Chemnitz main railroad station: coal stocks adequate for 12 days' operations

Chemnitz Hilbersdorf: coal stocks adequate for 11.5 days' operations

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Glauchau: coal stocks adequate for 12.5 days' operations

Freiberg: coal stocks adequate for 24 days' operations

Pockau-Lengefeld: coal stocks adequate for 23 days operations

Chemnitz locomotive yard: coal stocks adequate for 10.5 days' operations

Average: coal stocks adequate for 15 days' operations. **

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* Comment: This probably means the trains reserved for Russian use.

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** Comment. The rise in the coal stocks, particularly of hard coal stocks is believed to be connected with the establishment of a winter reserve by 1 October just as last year. It may be assumed that Frankfurt/Oder, a key point for Soviet transit traffic is being given preferential treatment in this respect. However, a slow but steady increase of coal stocks is discernible throughout the zone. On 2 July 1951 coal stocks available were adequate for about 13 days' operations. See . Last year a winter reserve of 400,000 metric tons, the equivalent of 20 days' operations, was prescribed and reached by 1 October. 25X1A

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